

REMARKS

Claims 11-13 are added. Therefore, claims 1-13 are the claims pending in the Application.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for reviewing and considering the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 21, 2001 and July 22, 2002, respectively.

Applicant submits proposed corrected Fig. 1. As described on Page 14 of the Specification, Reference Numeral 14 of Fig. 1 should read "Position Registering Register." This correction contains no new matter. The Examiner is requested to review and approve the corrected Drawing.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as anticipated by Seiderman (U.S. Patent No. 5,608,781). This rejection is traversed.

Claims 1, 7 and 9 require a verification apparatus which verifies the card only when a place in which a read unit is located corresponds to an area of the card identification code. One of the problems recognized and solved by Applicant's claimed invention is the need to verify a card when the card is read by card reader. One of the many examples of an application of Applicant's claimed invention is a credit or debit card that needs to be verified upon being read by a vendor's card reader. This example is by way of illustrative example of an aspect of Applicant's claimed invention, and should not be construed to be a limitation of the scope of the claims.

Seiderman discloses a method of reducing cloning of electronic identification numbers (EIN) of cellular telephones. Seiderman discloses (1) a method of eliminating unauthorized use of cellular telephone EINs which identify cellular telephones in a telecommunications network by transmitting pseudo-EINs in addition to the valid EINs between the cellular telephone and the base station; (2) an embodiment in which in a special credit card cell phone, the user must enter valid credit card information into the cell phone to allow use of the valid EIN (Seiderman, e.g. col. 3, lines 14-25). Seiderman does not disclose or suggest a verification apparatus that verifies a card based on a location of the read unit. In fact, Seiderman discloses that the card reader is attached to the cellular telephone, and that the card reader and the card are always in the same area.

Further, Seiderman does not disclose or suggest a verification apparatus that verifies a card based on an area of the card identification code. Seiderman clearly does not disclose or suggest a verification apparatus which verifies only when a place in which a read unit is located corresponds to an area of the card identification code. Therefore, Seiderman does not disclose or suggest all the features of Applicant's claimed invention.

Claims 2-6 depend from independent claim 1; claim 8 depends from independent claim 7; claim 10 depends from independent claim 9. Therefore, claim 1-6, 8 and 10 are patentably distinguishable over the prior art for at least the reasons that their respective base claims are patentably distinguishable over the prior art.

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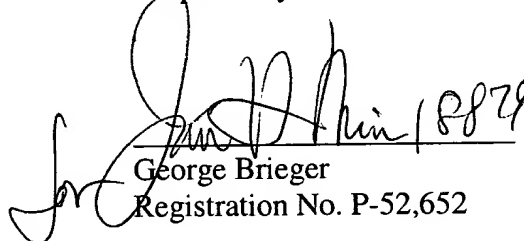
New claims 11-13 are presented for examination. These claims are believed to be fully supported by the Specification and cover hitherto unclaimed aspects of the present invention.

In view of the foregoing remarks, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Filed concurrently herewith are a Request for Approval of Proposed Drawing Corrections and an Excess Claim Fee Payment Letter (with fee).

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is changed as follows:

Page 13, first full paragraph:

Referring to the drawings, an embodiment of a card verification system of the present invention is composed of a card settlement system and a mobile phone system. As shown in Fig. 1, the card ~~verification~~-settlement system 1 is connected with the communication network 3. The mobile phone system 2 is connected with the communication network 3 through a server 4. The card verification system of the present invention is further composed of a bank database 5, and the bank database 5 is connected with the communication network 3.

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

9. (Amended) A card verification method comprising:

registering an identification code area comprising an area where a card is located and an identification code of the card;

transmitting over a telecommunication network the identification code area to a verification module, upon request by the verification module;

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reading ~~at~~the-card identification code from a card by a read unit; and

verifying the card only when ~~at~~the location of the ~~in which the card is read by a read unit~~
~~is within an area corresponding~~ing to the ~~an~~-identification code area.

10. (Amended) A method of claim 9, wherein ~~said area corresponding to the~~
identification code area is coincident with an area for one or more cells belonging to a mobile
telephone, and

wherein a verification apparatus accesses a table that shows a correspondence relation
between the card identification code and the mobile telephone.

Claims 11-13 are added as new claims.